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(*g*) whether the Chief Presidency Magistrate made any report as to why he has exercised his discretion in the face of the order of this Government permitting the use of the songs in recognized schools;

(*h*) whether the Government have taken any action or intend to take any action to rescind the order of the Chief Presidency Magistrate; and

(*i*) whether the Government have taken any steps to prevent such orders being issued by magistrates in mufassal towns?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. The notification was republished in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise.

(*f*) On a requisition by the Police.

(*g*) This Government have not issued any order permitting the use of Bharathi's songs in schools.

(*h*) Orders have been issued to the Police to return to the owners the copies of Bharathi's songs seized.

(*i*) The Government have issued instructions to the Police and the Criminal Investigation Department not to make any seizures.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*g*) of this question, may I ask the hon. the Law Member and also the hon. the Education Minister, if I may, whether on a reference, the Government have not permitted the use of Bharathi's songs in schools aided by the Government of Madras? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" My friend must ask the Education Minister."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" The answer is 'This Government have not issued any order, etc.' "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" No supplementary question can be put to a member of the Government on an answer given by another Member of the Government."

Return of the forfeited copies of Bharathi's songs to the owners.

* 1023-A *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in view of the withdrawal of the case of the Hindi Prachar Press against the Government for the forfeiture of copies of Bharathi's songs from the High Court, the Government propose to return the forfeited copies to the owners;

(*b*) if so, when, and

(*c*) if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) The Police have been asked to return the copies to the owners;

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask, with reference to (*a*), whether the Police have actually returned all the copies of the songs? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I do not know; I believe they must have."